



Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group Agenda

Date: Monday, March 13, 2017

Time: 6:45pm Social Time
7- 9pm Meeting

Location: Jefferson Cutter House, lower level gallery
Entrance from town parking lot, ground level

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Designation of Minute-taker and back-up for next meeting
3. Review and Acceptance of last month's minutes
4. Speaker Series: **Jeff Thielman, Executive Director of the International Institute of New England and member of the Arlington School Committee will talk about: immigrants and refugees in New England and what their needs are; a proposal that will be coming to Town Meeting to make Arlington a Sanctuary Town; issues the Arlington Public Schools face in providing education and services to newcomer children and their families.**

5. Do we want to march in the Patriot's Day Parade as part of Arlington for All?
The kickoff public event for Arlington for All, organized by the Arlington Human Rights Commission, will be to march as a visible representation of our diverse town in the Patriots' Day Parade on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 2 pm. AHRC plans to provide #arl4all flags for marchers and to give out candies from many countries. "We (AHRC) encourage people to join us in garb representing their ethnic background, faith community, LGBTQIA+ pride colors, etc. If you'd like to help plan this kickoff event, please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 7-8 pm at the Jefferson Cutter House."

5. Reports
 - March 4 Arlington Reads event with Nicole
 - February Upstander Workshop
 - Sanctuary Town on Town Meeting Warrant

6. New Business

Upcoming DTG meetings – all held at Jefferson Cutter House (enter through parking lot), all on Mondays: 2017: April 3 (Note **FIRST Monday**), May 8, June 12

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